

LAKE TAHOE NON-MOTORIZED BOATING COLLABORATIVE FRAMEWORK

STATEMENT OF INTENT

With an increase in non-motorized boating* on Lake Tahoe there is a need for a management & facility assessment to assure ecologically sustainable, responsible, and balanced non-motorized boating use and management. The assessment will lead to recommended management and facility objectives consistent with existing legal frameworks that respond to key issues, challenges, and opportunities. Completion of the assessment will be guided by a work plan that includes substantial community engagement and investment by working group partners. This work, when complete, will be a framework for ongoing collaboration by partner agencies, groups and other entities.

SHARED VALUES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The working group collaborates based on a set of shared values and guiding principles.

SHARED VALUES

- ✚ Ecological sustainability
- ✚ Uniqueness of the recreational experience around Lake Tahoe
- ✚ Community stewardship
- ✚ Collaboration and partnership
- ✚ Importance of a shared place and connections to nature
- ✚ Health of the lake, land, plants, animals, and people... in balance
- ✚ Respectful, environmentally sensitive use.
- ✚ Natural, cultural, and historic resource appreciation and protection
- ✚ Education, outreach and engagement as cornerstones for success

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Lake Tahoe is a unique natural environment with outstanding opportunities for kayaking, canoeing, and other non-motorized boating.
- The protection of the natural environment of Lake Tahoe - its land, air, water, plants, and animals – is paramount to the sound management of non-motorized boating.
- The development of a coordinated public access program for non-motorized boating will respect the interests of all stakeholders and recreational users, assuring ecologically sustainable, responsible, and balanced recreational use and management.
- All management efforts will include a commitment to assure safe boating and recreation.
- Management objectives will incorporate public information and education, user safety, resource protection and interpretive information, and outreach to encourage appropriate use and stewardship, consistent with these principles.

THE WORKING GROUP

The team consists of no more than 20 designated participants with representation from entities with existing land management responsibilities or with interests in lands or uses that relate to the effort including public recreation agencies, public land owners & managers, private property owners, Washoe, and environmental, recreational, and business interests. The working group will be coordinated by the Tahoe Conservancy with support provided by the NPS, Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance Program.

Group Role

The Working Group is a collaborative team brought together to guide and contribute to the group's work plan, facilitating community involvement The group reflects shared purpose, collaborative intent, and professional and volunteer commitment.

Each working group participant:

- Shares an interest in non-motorized boating use and management at Lake Tahoe.
- Actively contributes knowledge, expertise, and/or other resources
- Is the primary liaison between the working group and the designated agency or community partner, promoting the involvement of the partner agency or community interest in the project.
- Works cooperatively and collaboratively with other working group participants, openly communicating, and committed to listening, learning, and addressing challenges as a group.
- Represents the group's work in the community as a group member.

Meeting Ground Rules

The following ground rules support and promote informed dialogue, active and engaged collaboration, constructive problem solving, and ongoing coordination and support, reflecting group intent. Each participant is expected to:

- Participate in all meetings arriving on time, fully prepared to participate and contribute effectively.
- Be active listeners and open and honest communicators, promoting shared understanding.
- Participate and contribute as a liaison of the represented public or private entity, rather than as an individual.
- Be open to hearing and exploring divergent perspectives and addressing challenges collaboratively.
- Respect others when they are talking without interrupting or side conversations.
- Respect the role of the facilitator in assuring balanced participation and effective meeting management.

Working Group Recommendations

The working group's preferred method in recommending directions on specific topics is consensus. Consensus is defined as support, willingness to support, or agreement to step aside without negative advocacy post discussion. Significant investment will be made to achieve consensus considering the availability of resources (time and energy) and a need for timely "actions".

All group recommendations represent the group's perspectives at large. The purpose of such recommendations is to promote coordinated non-motorized boating management that is consistent with the group's collaborative framework.

*Human powered, portable, hand launchable boats.